(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The levels of access to information technology, termed as digital divide, exists in all developing countries In India, likewise, this divide manifests at different levels and to different extents

(b) to (e) Government has reduced custom and excise duties on computers and their inputs so as to make computers available at reasonable and affordable prices within the reach of the middle class

Software export

1652. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States that are exporting Software, with State-wise details thereof, and

(b) what is the role of Software Technology Park of India in encouraging the States which are already exporting software and other States which have shown interest in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) : (a) Software Technology Park (STP) units in 19 States are exporting Software and services State-wise details of exports are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) provides statutory, data communication and incubation services to the software exporting industry. It also sets up new centres, taking into account export potential of the area to be served by the Centre, commercial viability of the operation and data communication needs of the industry. As of now, STPI has set up 40 Centres across the country, as given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement-I

Software Exports by STP Units

Sl. No	State	Export Earnings in Rs. Crores 2003-04
1	Karnataka	18100.00
2	Orissa	319.00
3	West Bengal	1600.00
4	Tamil Nadu	7621 00
5	Gujarat	141.00
6	Andhra Pradesh	5025.00
7	Maharashtra	8518 00
8	Uttar Pradesh	2750 00
9	Delhi	2398.00
10	Haryana	4292 00
11	Punjab	182.00
12	Rajasthan	130.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	102 00
14	Chandigarh	39 00
15	Himachal Pradesh	5 00
16	Pondicherry	22.00
17	Uttaranchal	1 00
18	Jammu and Kashmir	1 00
19	Kerala	212.00
	TOTAL	51458.00

Statement-II

List of STPI centers

Sl. No	STPI Centres	States
1	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
2	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
3	Bangalore	Karnataka
4	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
5	Bhilai	Chhattisgarh
6	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
7	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu

Sl No.	STPI Centres	States
8	Dehradun	Uttaranchal
9	Gandhinagar	Gujarat
10	Guwahati	Assam
11	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
12	Hubli	Karnataka
13	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
14	Jaipur	Rajasthan
15	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
16	Kolkata	West Bengal
17	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
18	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
19	Mangalore	Karnataka
20	Manipal	Karnataka
21	Mohali	Punjab
22	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
23	Mysore	Karnataka
24	Nagpur	Maharashtra
25	Nasik	Maharashtra
26	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
27	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
28	Pondicherry	Pondicherry
29	Pune	Maharashtra
30	Rourkela	Orissa.
31	Thirunaveli	Tamil Nadu
32	Thirupati	Andhra Pradesh
33	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
34	Trichy	Tamil Nadu
35	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
36	Srinagar	Jammu and Kashmir
37	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
38	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
39	Warangal	Andhra Pradesh
40	Ranchi	Jharkhand